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**AMENDMENT B**

Sir:

This amendment for the patent application identified above is in response to the Office action dated January 10, 2008, which set a shortened statutory period for response that expires on April 10, 2008.

Kindly amend this application as indicated herein.